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NORTHWESTERN AUCTION: CBC Sportscaster Bob McDevitt will wield the gavel at a handicrafts auction sale to be held Saturday, December 8, 2:00-5:00 p.m., in Northwestern Branch. Proceeds will help finance a domestic arts and agricultural training centre for girls in Sri Lanka (formerly Ceylon).

IMMIGRATION POLICY: The Federal Government has asked the YMCA's of Canada to suggest items for consideration in formulating a new immigration policy for this country. Rick Patten, Montreal YMCA Director of International Programs, is working with a special task force on a submission here.

POLITIQUE D'IMMIGRATION: Le Gouvernement Fédéral a demandé aux YMCA du Canada de suggérer des articles pour fin d'examen, dans le but de formuler une nouvelle politique d'immigration pour le pays. Rick Patten, Directeur des programmes internationaux de la YMCA de Montréal, s'occupe présentement d'un groupe qui a préparé une soumission pour Montréal.

WOMEN'S PROGRAMS BOOMING: Participation in women's physical education programs is up substantially at Westmount YMCA. To handle the increase, the branch has enlarged and re-decorated its Ladies locker room. The front lobby has also been re-tiled and several offices renovated.

REGIONAL CONFERENCE: "Communication, Co-operation & Commitment for the Future" will be the theme of a Regional Youth Conference to be held November 30 to December 2 at the Jesuit Retreat House in St. Jerome. Sixty-five anglophone and francophone representatives of Province of Quebec YMCAs and YWCAs are scheduled to participate in the conference.

CONFERENCE REGIONALE: "Communication, coopération et engagement pour le futur" sera le thème d'une conférence régionale qui se tiendra du 30 novembre au 2 décembre à la Maison de Retraite des Jésuites à Saint-Jérôme. Soixante-cinq anglophones et francophones, représentants des YMCA et YWCA de la Province de Québec sont cédulés pour participer à la conférence.

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IN THE WEST ISLAND AREA: Some 30 boys and girls in special education classes are involved in an after-school recreation programs developed by the West Island YMCA...About 120 youth and adults from Hudson and Rigaud are taking part in new aquatics, gymnastics and fitness programs operated in their communities by this branch...The physical education staff also expects soon to be operating special fitness classes for ladies over age 45.

LOCAL INITIATIVES PROGRAMS: The YMCA is waiting for decisions on applications for L.I.P. funding for the six months starting December 5, 1973. Some 25 community projects are involved.

PROGRAMMES D'INITIATIVES LOCALES: La YMCA attend la décision en ce qui concerne la demande des fonds du P.I.L. couvrant 6 mois, commençant le 5 décembre 1973. Environ 25 projets communautaires sont concernés.

CARDIAC VICTIM RESCUED: Ray Cohen, Director of the Y's Alternatives program, recently saved a 64-year old man whose pulse had been stopped by a heart attack which felled him in the street. After directing a policeman at the scene to start mouth-to-mouth resuscitation, Ray began to rhythmically pummel the victim's chest. The external heart massage was maintained until a pulse was restored.

RUDY SPITALSKY IN HOUSTON: Downtown YMCA Residence Director, Rudy Spitalsky, is in Houston, Texas, this week attending the Annual Conference of the Business Administration section of the Association of Professional Directors of the YMCAs of the U.S.A. One of the major items on the agenda will be related to YMCA Residence operations and how they can be improved on the North American continent.

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